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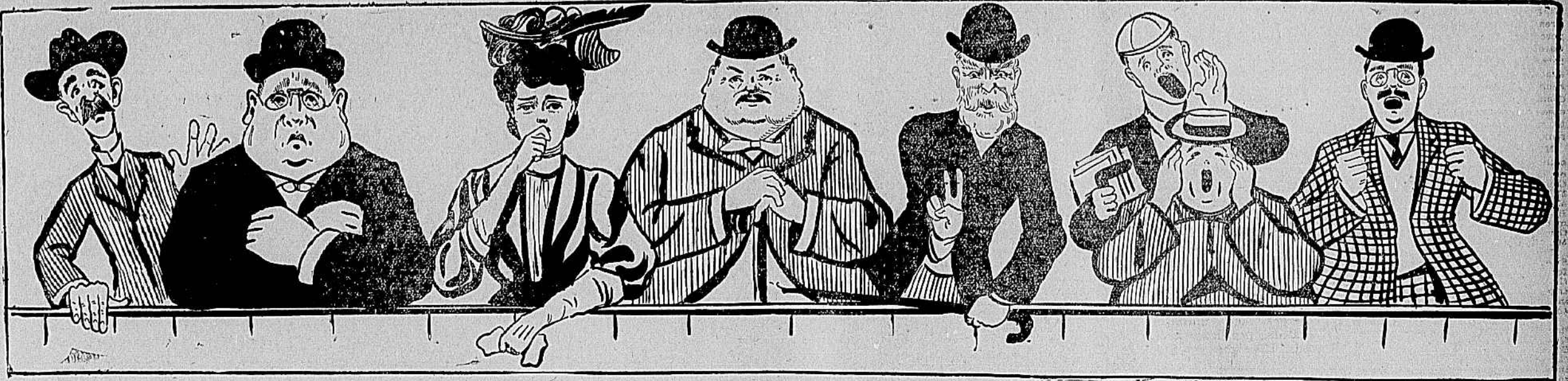
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## ROOTERS' ROW WHERE ONLY THE "ELECT" MAY FIND A RESTING PLACE



### VA. BOAT CLUB TO OPEN SATURDAY

To Reorganize Old State  
Ass'n and Increase In-  
terest in Rowing.

### ARE ARRANGING REGATTA IN JUNE

Local Club Will Race With Old  
Dominions in Alexandria and  
Will Enter the Big  
Jamestown Regatta.  
Will Secure  
Trainer.

With a larger membership than it has ever before known, and in a much more flourishing condition than it has been in in any previous year, the Virginia Boat Club has begun a campaign for the reorganization of the old State Rowing Association, which went to pieces some years ago because of lagging interest in several of the clubs. The association in its prime was composed of the University of Virginia, Alexandria, Petersburg, Norfolk, Richmond College and the Virginia Boat Club. The University gave up its crew, Alexandria and Petersburg lost interest; the Norfolk Club found that their waters were too rough for shell rowing; Richmond College gave up rowing on account of other sports, and the Virginia Boat Club was the only one left.

The Richmond organization, however, has always held on. There has been a great revival of interest in rowing, and the local organization is anxious to see the old association rise, Phoenix-like, from its ashes. Richmond College cannot enter this year, but it may be able to do so next year. The University of Virginia may be induced to organize a club; Alexandria still has a club, and will probably join, and these, with the local club, would form a very good nucleus. It is thought, upon which to begin. Norfolk and Petersburg will probably not come in—the former because of a lack of smooth water, and the latter because the interest there has died out.

The movement for the revival of the association is arousing very general interest, and its promoters are confident that it will be successful. In Richmond rowing is arousing more enthusiasm than it has ever done before, and this year promises to be the most successful and flourishing in the history of the Virginia Boat Club. Captain William E. Crawford is trying to arrange races with the Old Dominions, of Alexandria, with a view to reorganizing the State Association, and to arrange match races in the big regatta to be held on the waters about the Jamestown Exposition Grounds. If the regatta at Jamestown be held, the local club will be represented by an eight-oar crew and a four-oared crew. The club has a fine lot of old material for these two crews, and there is much promise among the new candidates who will enter the field.

Arrangements for a local regatta are in progress. The regatta will be held in June, and Captain Crawford is confident that it will be the best ever given by the club. The fact that the club is arranging a local regatta and that it will be entered in other regattas has aroused a splendid interest among the members, and all are enthusiastic over the outlook.

The Virginia Boat Club is now in better condition than ever before. It has 150 members, of whom 35 are life members. A member becomes a life member after ten years' standing. The club is now open and ready for use, and the formal opening will be held next Saturday, when all the members will gather together to discuss matters pertaining to the interest of the club and to meet each other in a social way.

The club is well supplied with equipment, having two eight-oared shells, four four-oared gigs, three single sculls, twelve or fifteen pleasure boats, four fishing boats and a sail boat. The equipment will probably be increased later on.

Negotiations are now in progress for a trainer and coach. The services of a collegian will be secured, as the club does not desire the services of a professional trainer.

The officers of the club are: President, Judge Beverly Crump; Vice-President, W. Gray Watson; Treasurer, C. R. Burnett; Secretary, W. B. Chalmers; Captain, William E. Crawford; First Mate, James B. Cronshaw; Second Mate, W. T. Gilliam, and Third Mate, Sydney S. Smith.



KELLER.

### CHAMBERLAIN SELLS FILLY TO BRECKINRIDGE

Wilson Chamberlain, of Charlottesville, Va., has sold to Hunter G. Breckinridge, of Catawba Farm, the filly Aldine, a two-year-old. She will be shipped to Pinesville, Va., with L. P. Halliday's Salvador stallion Proposer. She may be bred to Proposer this spring. Several mares are to be mated with the Salvador stallion while he is resting at Catawba Farm. Halliday expects to win some steeplechases with Proposer next fall, however. Proposer is one of the handsomest horses seen at Benning's all the season, and he is an accomplished fencer. A slight lameness, due to a temporary injury, has caused his retirement. When Proposer returns to the track he will be trained by Theodore Cole, the man who taught him to jump.

### GREAT RACING FIXTURES IN EUROPE

LONDON, April 6.—The most important racing fixtures in Europe will be run on the following dates: Great Metropolitan, April 20th; Two Thousand Guineas, May 1st; One Thousand Guineas, May 3d; Chester Cup, May 8th; Kempton Park Great Jubilee, May 11; Manchester Cup, May 24th; Epsom Derby, June 5th; The Oaks, June 7th; Grand Prix de Paris, June 16th; Liverpool Cup, July 30th; Goodwood Cup, August 1st; St. Leger, September 11th; Doncaster Cup, September 13th; Jockey Club Stakes, October 16th; Cambridgehire, October 30th; Dewhurst Plate, October 31st.

### Odds on the Derby.

LONDON, April 6.—Betting on the Derby is becoming more active. The latest quotations are as follows: The Derby—Run Wednesday, June 5th. Distance, one mile and a half. 4 to 1 against Silvio Gullon, 8. Darling; 100 to 7 against All Black, 8. Day.

### VIRGINIANS WIN AT BENNING

Billy Garth Wins Nursery  
Stakes With Billy Hibbs  
by Fatherless.

### DION KERR TAKES CHEVY CHASE EVENT

"Bob" Taylor Rode Essex, Who  
Won in Richmond Last Fall,  
and Had Hard Work to  
Keep from Beating  
His Stable-  
Mate.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—Four out of the six races at the Benning track this afternoon went to Virginia horsemen.

Out of these, two were the feature races of the day, the Washington Nursery Stakes for two-year-olds, and the Chevy Chase steeplechase for hunters.

T. F. Coles started off, when he saddled Azelina for C. C. Smithson in the first race. The race looked to be between Woods Stockton's Anna Smith, trained by Billy Garth, and James McLaughlin's McKoon.

There were only five horses in the race, and Azelina was so little fancied that as good as 4 to 1 could be got against her. She made a runaway race of it, winning without any trouble, with Anna Smith second, which gave first and second money to the Virginia trainers.

Billy Hibbs Wins.  
On the strength of the race he ran in the Dinner Stakes last Saturday, Hitchcock's Woodcraft, trained by Woods Garth, was made favorite in the Nursery Stakes, the second race on the card, while the price on Billy Hibbs, the disqualified winner of the Dinner Stakes, went back from 2 to 1 to 1 to 1 at post time.

L. Smith, who had the mount on Billy Hibbs, got him off well, and he was never headed, winning easily by several lengths.

Gun Cotton finished second, while the late Englander could do was to get Woodcraft home third.

Billy Garth has always maintained that Billy Hibbs is the best two-year-old at the track, and his confidence in the Fatherless gelding appears to be well founded.

The Chevy Chase steeplechase, which was such a good race last spring, turned into a farce to-day. There were six entries, Richard Wallace's Angle being given top weight over Dion Kerr's half-bred Essex, and Ardette, Courtland Smith's Navajo, and Pete Daly, and Clarence Moore's Ordesu and Kitty Bellairs.

Percy Evans was to have had the mount on Angle, but was unable to come to Washington, which caused the withdrawal of Angle from the race.

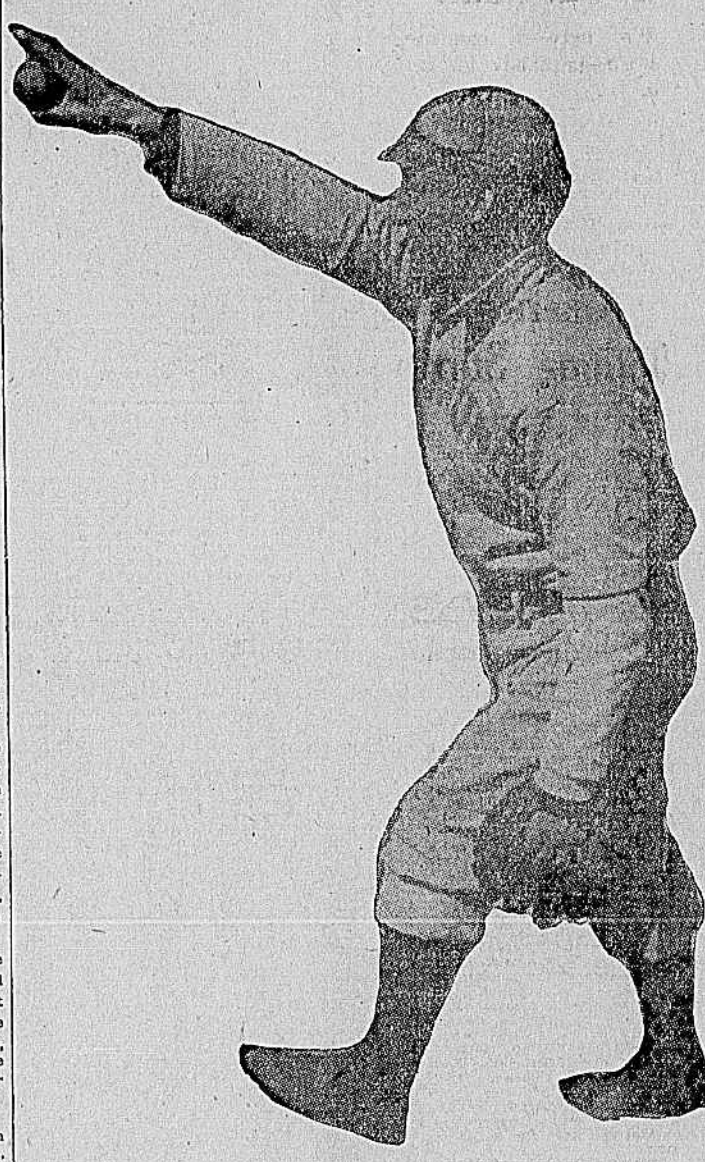
Courtland Smith scratched both his entries, while Clarence Moore scratched Kitty Bellairs.

Taylor Has a License.  
This left only three starters. Dion Kerr himself took the mount on Ardette, and Robert Taylor of Baltimore, who has been recently reinstated by the Jockey Club, after two years' suspension, rode Essex. Louis Leith had the leg up on Ordesu.

The Kerr entries were coupled in the betting, but in view of the great race that Essex ran last week no bookmaker had the temerity to lay any price against them, so they went to the post with no money on them. Ordesu was quoted at 5 to 1 and even. One or two bookmakers, confident after seeing what a ratty-looking little thing the Moore entry was, laid 1 to 2 against her chances to run third. This meant that the bookies did not think Ordesu would stand up to finish the course within the time limit. A few bets were made on this proposition. Essex was so much better than the others that Mr. Taylor had to fairly pull his head off to keep him from winning by half a mile. He rated him along with Ardette, but it was all he could do to keep Essex from running away.

At the finish Ardette won by a bare head.

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BROWN.

### "GO BETWEEN" IS TOP WEIGHT

E. R. Thomas's Flyer Will Pack  
126 Pounds in Excelsior  
Handicap.

NEW YORK, April 6.—E. R. Thomas's Go Between has received top weight, 126 pounds, in the \$10,000 Excelsior Handicap, one mile and a sixteenth, to be run at the Jamaica track on Friday, April 26th.

T. D. Sullivan's \$15,000 Dr. Gardner, who is highly regarded by all turfmen, is asked to carry 123, not a heavy burden by any means when some of the Bannockburn colts' races last season are taken into consideration.

F. R. Hitchcock's Dandelion has 121 pounds with 120 for George C. Bennett's good mare Dismal. Tokalon, the winner of last year's Brooklyn Handicap, has received 119, with James H. Brady's Waterlight, having 118, the same allotment made to The Pickot, now owned by Billy Lakeland. Martin Doyle, Hot Toddy and Oxford, each get 117, while 116 is the impost for Calumet, Noncon, Saville and Glorifier. H. P. Whitney's Ironsides must take up 113, with a pound less for Sir Wilfred and Good Luck. Pretension has 111, and Voladay and W. H. Carey, both winners of important events in California, have 109.

Then come Woxford and Red Friar, with 108, Minnie Adams and King's Daughter, with 107; Don Hamilton, Don Diego, Ito and De Mund, who heads the three-year-olds, with 107; Samson and Jacquin each get 106, with 105 for Cressida, Avonshire, Orbicular and Tarnal. Barney Schreiber's Jack Atkin, Paul Rahney's Horace E., and George C. Bennett's Blon, all high class three-year-olds, are asked to shoulder 104, a concession of three pounds from De Mund. Paddy Sullivan's plater Samuel H. Harris, has 103, giving a pound to Master of Craft. McCarter, Superman and Philander, three-year-olds have received 100, the same weight assigned to King Henry and Standover. The three-year-olds J. C. Cora, Colonel Jack, Okente and Conville are in with 99 each, while the Boone colt Zambezi has 98. The Brownleigh Park Stable's good three-year-old They're Off, and James H. McCorkle's filly, who has been showing good form this winter at the Crescent City, must carry 97.99, being the impost for August Belmont's Rosemount.

### RICHMOND TEAM AT BOWLING CONGRESS

Matter to Be Discussed at An-  
nual Banquet Here Next  
Week.

The last bowling games of the season will be played on Monday night, when the league will disband for the summer. A few days afterward the annual banquet will be held, at which time it is expected that some of the leading bowlers of the East will be present to discuss the question of the formation here of a team to enter the National Congress.

Richmond has some of the best bowlers in the country, as their record will show, and it is the purpose of Messrs. Williams and Cook, the promoters of the sport here, to organize a team to represent the city at all the big tournaments throughout the country.

On Monday night the Crystals and Olympians will meet at Cook's Alley, and the Columbus and Hanovers will get together at Williams.

On Tuesday night at Cook's the two best bowlers' teams will have a wind-up contest for honors. These two teams are the oldest in the city, and play great games. The captains are Messrs. Shoemaker and Anderson.

### LACROSSE TEAM TO MEET AUSTRALIA

TORONTO, ONT., April 6.—Arrangements have been completed for the trip of a team representing the Canadian Lacrosse Association to Australia. The team will leave here June 1st, and on the way to Vancouver, from which it is to sail June 21st, will play games in Chicago, St. Paul, Winnipeg and Calgary.

### World's Fastest Bicycle Track.

The promoters of bicycle racing in Düsseldorf, Germany, propose to have one of the fastest, if not, indeed, the fastest, tracks in the world. It is now in the process of construction, and will be finished by the end of the present month. The distance is 400 metres (437 yards), and the track is twenty-nine and a quarter feet wide on the stretches, and thirty-two feet at the turns, which are steeply banked. The arrangement is such that a speed of seventy miles an hour can be made with safety.

### BROWN RECEIVES WALKING PAPERS

Fielded Well. But Was  
Poor Hand With  
the Stick.

### BOB WALLACE TO FILL HIS PLACE

Comes Highly Recommended by  
Billy Smith, of Atlanta—Man-  
ager in Good Spirits, De-  
spite the Defeat—Four  
Games This  
Week.

One man, the bright, cheerful, happy-hearted Harry Brown, has received his walking papers, and it was with deep regret that Manager Shaffer felt himself forced to give the outfielder his release. Brown was a good man in field work, but when it came to working with the stick he was noticeably weak. Good stick-work is an absolute essential for a man who expects to play in the field. If he falls in this, it is all up with him, and herein lies the fault with Brown.

Brown started out with Roanoke last year, and later on in the season came to work for Shaffer. He was given a try-out this year in the hope that he might make good. He is trying now to land a berth on one of the other clubs, but he stands a small chance, as they are all full.

Kellar, one of the two candidates for the third sack, left yesterday afternoon for his home in Cincinnati, to be at the bedside of his sick mother.

Kellar was himself in bad shape, his muscles being affected with rheumatism, due to having been forced to work in water. His father's property, on the Ohio River, was flooded in the winter, and Kellar had to look after things. The changeable weather here also had its effect, and Kellar never had the opportunity of showing up in his best form. If needed, he will report back to Shaffer.

Manager Shaffer yesterday received a letter from Siebric, who says that he will not be able to report until June 1st. He is in fine form, however, as he is ready to accept plenty of practice on his college team in Gettysburg, Pa. He wrote Captain Shaffer that he was paying strict attention to his batting, and that he was keeping himself in good condition.

"Happy" Eckstone, upon whom Manager Shaffer is relying to do good work this year, will report when the season opens. He is still at Blacksburg, where he is training the V. P. I. squad, and is working himself every day that the men go out.

To fill the vacancy caused by the release of Brown, Manager Shaffer secured "Big Bob" Wallace from Billy Smith, manager of the Atlanta team. Smith recommends his big outfielder very highly. Manager Shaffer sent him transportation yesterday, and Wallace is expected to arrive in the city this evening or Monday morning. He will be here in time for work on Monday. Captain Shaffer says that Wallace will be the best outfielder in the Virginia State League, barring none. Last year Wallace fielded .950 with Columbia, in the South Atlantic League, and batted .260, standing ninth in the whole league. He has a strong arm, and is able to send a ball in on a line from center-field. Wallace was with Columbia last year, and was bought by Manager Smith for the Atlanta team for \$700.

Manager Shaffer does not allow the season's defeat administered to his men by the New York Americans on Friday afternoon to dampen his spirits. The big leaguers were in midseason form, whereas the locals have not yet gotten the first stiffness and soreness out of their joints.

None of the pitchers can use his arm, and the fielders are also still pretty tight. In the majority of early season games played by the big leagues against minor organizations, the scores are something terrible, and it occasionally happens that the big men are beaten to a finish by the bushwhackers. Cleveland beat Atlanta on Friday, 15 to 1, and secured twenty-one hits off the Georgia pitchers. That was as bad as the Richmond game.